

THE MARKETS.

STOCKS.

New York, Dec. 17.—Bar silver 96½; Copper—Dull; firm; lake December, \$13.75. Lead—Dull; firm; domestic, \$2.00.

Stocks to-day were dull and stagnant for the general list, and the only fluctuations were supplied by a few stocks subject to special influences. The sensation this forenoon was the manipulation of sugar refineries, in which there is supposed to be a squeeze of shorts going on.

The price of stock, however, while it opened at 63, was soon sold down to 61, and while the buying demand was brisk and a premium of ¾ per cent. was exacted for the use of a fraction over those sold the regular way there was heavy selling of stock in the early trading at seller's options of three days, at as much difference as 1 per cent. from the regular sales. The market closed dull but strong at about the best figures. Oregon Short Line advanced 1 cent; consolidated gas 2½ cents. Denver & Rio Grande 10 cents. Wyo. & Burlington 1 cent. Great Northern dull and firm.

Petroleum opened strong at \$1.04, and moved up to \$1.05; then to \$1.06, and finally closed at \$1.04, but did not reach \$1.05.

Government bonds to 12½, 14½, 16½; Northern Pacific, 22½; preferred, 50½; Oregon Improvement, 40½; Oregon Navigation, 60½; Transcont.

Money to call rates of 5½%. Prime mercantile paper, 6½%; Sterling exchange, steady; sixty-day bills, 4½%; demand, \$4½%.

WOOD.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—Wood unchanged.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—There is a confident and strong market for market wheat, any species, at 60¢ a bushel. Terre Haute, Indiana, and California wheat are moving unchanged prices. In pulled wheat there have been sales of 5000 bushels at 60¢, fair to good quality wheat and extras pulled 22¢ a bushel. Foreign wheat are firm.

CHICAGO CATTLE.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Cattle dull, 7,000; steers, 1200; heifers, 1200; steers and feeders, \$2,000-\$2,200; cows, bulls and mixed, \$2,500 bulk, \$2,000-\$2,400.

Hog—Receipts, 25,000, steady; mixed, \$3.45½; fat hogs, 25,000, light, \$3.50-\$3.55.

Sheep—Receipts, 8,000; lower numbers, \$3.00-\$3.50; western corn fed, \$4.50-\$5.25.

W. C. GOODING,

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Grain, Provisions, Railroad and Mining Stocks.

Grain and Provisions bought and sold in Chicago.

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Special direct wire connecting us with eastern markets.

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SECOND FLOOR OF GOLD BLOCK, Helena, Montana.

5 Main Street.

FOR SALE.

BARBER SHOP. INQUIRIES AT 421 N. MAIN street.

\$2000 FOR 2 HOUSES AND 2 LOTS, 25x100 ft each, on Broadwater avenue, near motor line, 15 per cent., net purchase, \$1500. Investment Matheson & Steele, 12½ N. Main St.

A GOOD HOTEL IS OFFERED for sale on reasonable terms. Apply to Frank Keck, Harmonia Hall, Helena, Mont.

\$100 DOWN BALANCE ON VERY EASY TERMS for a comfortable dwelling and good lot, in desirable locality. Matheson & Steele.

OLD ESTABLISHED BARBER SHOP CHEAP. Enquire of Matheson & Steele.

FOUR HORSE UPRIGHT ENGINE AND five horse power boiler, with inventor, for sale, good as new. Apply to A. K. Yerkes, Bozeman.

A FIRST-CLASS 12-HORSE POWER AUTOMATIC engine will be sold at a bargain. Enquire at this office.

LOST.

GOLD WATCH OPEN FACE SWISS, ONYX, and gold foil chain. Return to S. L. corner Fifth and Beatty, and receive reward.

BETWEEN POSTOFFICE AND GAMER'S D. show store on Monday, Dec. 9, a portmanteau containing silver notes and railway tickets, reward of left at this office.

GOLD CIGARET-SHAPE SCARF-PIN. The finder will be liberally rewarded by leaving the same at this office.

FOUND.

A BUNCH OF PADLOCK KEYS. CALL AT this office.

A PAIR OF EYE GLASSES. OWNER CAN have same by calling at this office.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

Advertisements under this head three times FREE.

BY A FIRST-CLASS WOMAN COOK: BEST of references. Address L. W. Brown, this office.

AS JANITOR PORTER IN A PRIVATE FAMILY give good references. Address A. F. Stil, South Ewing street.

ENGINEER WANTS POSITION: BEST OF references. Address F. P. O.

TO DO ANY KIND OF INSIDE WORK: WILLING to work for board. Address M. K., this office.

BY A WOMAN AS A HOUSEKEEPER. ADRESS M. T. Penn Block, etc.

FRENCH LESSONS GIVEN IN EXCHANGE for similar. Address Experienced Teacher, Independent Office.

BY YOUNG MAN AS CLERK IN GROCERY and driver of delivery wagon; well-maintained in town; good references. J. T., this office.

BY AN EXPERT BOOKKEEPER IN BANK OR stores has served in a national bank seven years; good banking references. Address M. H. this office.

FOR RENT: ROOMS FURNISHED.

THREE FURNISHED ROOMS, HOT, AND cold water, bath, 8½, corner Fifth and Beatty st.

A NICELY FURNISHED ROOM IN SUITS or single, with bath and other conveniences; rent reasonable. Apply 5½ Fifth Avenue.

NEWLY FURNISHED ROOMS WITH STEAM heat. 10½ North Rodney street.

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AT 505 EWING STREET.

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FURNISHED AND UNFURNISHED ROOMS for rent at No. 12 Howie street.

FOR RENT: MISCELLANEOUS.

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3 ROOMS WITH CLOSETS FOR HOUSEKEEPING, \$12 per month, 417 Eleventh avenue, near Rodney street.

HELP—MISCELLANEOUS.

GOOD HOUSE GIRLS OF ALL NATIONALities wanting places, at the Capital Employment Office, 212 Lawrence street.

TWENTY-FIVE WOOD CHOPPERS. FREE fare: 2 men for rock work, 1 man cook, 2 woman cooks, and three girls for housework, wanted at Montana Employment Agency, Main street, foot of Broadway.

HANDLER WANTS 10 GIRLS FOR HOUSEWORK: one chambermaid, \$25; woman cook, \$10.

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MEN FOR RAILROAD WORK: 30 WOOD-choppers, 2 women cooks for city and 2 girls for housework wanted at Montana Employment Agency, Main street, foot of Broadway.

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HELP WANTED—MALE.

A BOY. CALL AT DR. HARRIS' DENTAL office.

HELP WANTED—FEMALE.

3 OR 4 FIRST-CLASS SEAMSTRESSSES AT once. Apply Sunday to Mrs. E. Miles, dressmaker, 25 Cutler street, city.

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